RIO HONDO COLLEGE

2009 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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A Community College That Works!

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President's Message

As I reflect on the year that has just closed behind us, we realize that we are not the only educational entity challenged by the economy and the difficult state of the State budget. However, we also recognize that we have been able to address those challenges and stay a steady course as we are simultaneously faced with huge demand from legions of students. We are also most grateful for our district's voters who approved the $245 million Measure A, a capital improvement and facilities bond that is enabling us to upgrade and improve the campus and to initiate off-campus sites to provide higher education opportunities in community-based centers.

Our ability to persevere in the face of difficulty is possible because the college has been conservative in its fiscal management through the years, and because our college community has come together to innovate and save resources in order to reduce the number of class sections that might otherwise be eliminated. As a result of our efforts, we have had to reduce the spring 2010 by just 2.5 percent (approximately 150 class sections) compared to 2009! Although we are serving approximately 750 more full-time-equivalent students (FTES) than the State reimburses us, our efficiency as measured by classroom 'fill rate' is high. Throughout, we are committed to enabling as many students as possible to achieve their educational goals. Our desire is to keep the doors to higher education open and to leverage our resources as efficiently as possible.

The role of the Rio Hondo College Foundation is expanding its focus. This past year we restructured its organization, with plans to pursue major gifts and to develop a vigorous alumni association, connecting with the nearly 1,000,000 students we have served since 1963.

This Annual Report to the Community showcases a few accomplishments of the past year, and highlights student success in many areas. Please take some time to learn more about our gateway to higher education - we've been serving our local residents and communities for 47 years!

Rio Hondo College strives to be an integral participant in the business and cultural life of our community. We are a vital economic engine as well, with an operational budget for 2009-2010 of $81 million, construction budget of $20 million, and a payroll of approximately $48 million for 1,100 full and part-time employees. Our mission is clear, although not without continuing fiscal challenges.

I invite you to visit the campus to see our improvements. I will resume my visits with public, governmental, and service club entities in our service area this spring and will look forward to visiting with you soon. In the meantime, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Rio Hondo College community, I send warmest greetings.

Sincerely,

Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

RIO HONDO COLLEGE

Mission Statement

"Rio Hondo College is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offerings for its diverse students and community."

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New Online Resources Make Connecting With Rio Even Easier!

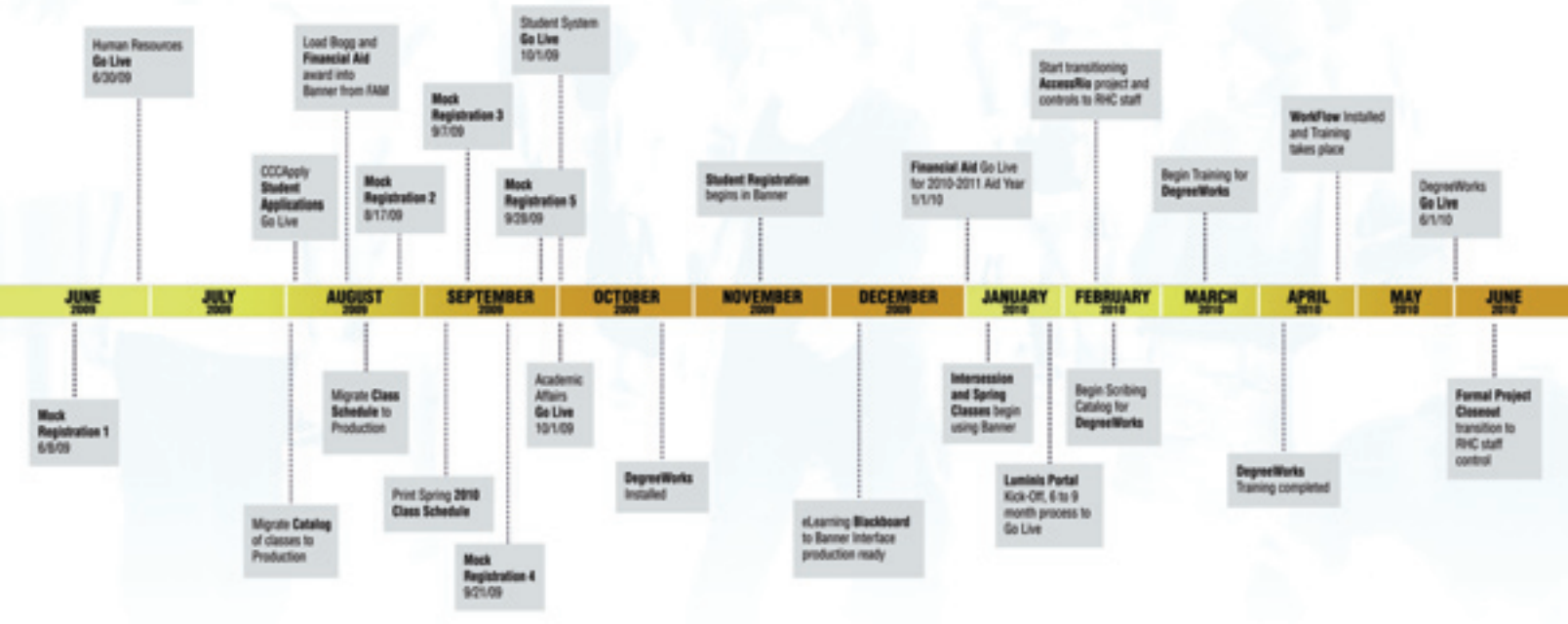
New online services premiered in 2009 to help students do business 24/7.

AccessRIO Student Info Program – helps students to apply, register and access their records – all from the comfort of their home computer. Available around-the-clock, students can search for open classes, add or drop classes and check on wait-lists for the classes they want. Students can even check their own student email accounts here.

CCC Apply – this is a statewide system used by many California Community Colleges to help prospective students apply online to Rio Hondo College easily – with no waiting in line or using paper applications. The direct link is found at www.riohondo.edu.

ACCESS RIO

TIMELINE JUNE 2009 TO JUNE 2010



COLLEGE GOAL

Support Every Student's Goals for Academic Success

Rio Hondo College strives to provide the best education and learning environment, offering student support programs and academic pathways leading to an increased AA/AS degree completion rate and more university transfers.

Rio Hondo College Accomplishments in 2009

- More than 1,000 associate degrees awarded.
- 352 - Number of scholarships awarded to students.
- $164,500 -Total amount of scholarships awarded.
- Rio Hondo College was recognized by *Community College Week* as one of the "Top 100 Associate Degree Producers in America."

Rio Hondo College provides a full array of specialized support services

Extended Opportunity Program and Services – Academic and support counseling, financial aid and other critical support services.

Honors Transfer Program - Honors courses help accelerate already-accomplished students to transfer to universities and pursue bachelor's degrees.

MESA – Academic Program to support students majoring in math, engineering and science.

Transfer Center – Designed to provide a smooth transfer process for students interested in furthering their education at a variety of public and private colleges and universities nationwide.

Career Center – Provides services and assistance in making career choices and helping students find the perfect internship or job.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Office – Information and support is available to help students understand how to apply and use the financial aid programs and scholarships available to them.

Disabled Students Programs and Services – Support services for students with disabilities.

Did You Know?

Most four-year colleges and universities require applications from community college transfer students as much as one year in advance! For that reason, Rio Hondo College's Transfer Center works hard to increase awareness among all students to the benefits of using the Center early in the process as they prepare themselves for transfer.

The Rio Hondo College Transfer Center provides:

- Academic Counseling and expert advice to students on the application process for the college(s) of his/her choice.
- University Representative appointments on a regular basis give students the opportunity to meet with university representatives to receive detailed information about college life and major requirements.
- Transfer Workshops for informational purposes for students.
- Free transportation for students to tour and visit several universities throughout the year.
- Four Transfer Fairs were held on the campus in 2009 with more than 40 universities present to answer student questions and provide application guidance.

Rio Hondo College Students Transfer

- **California State University**
  Pomona, San Luis Obispo, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Humboldt, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose
- **University of California**
  Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara

- **Arizona State University**
- **Art Institute of Design**
- **Azusa Pacific University**
- **Biola University**
- **DeVry**
- **Hope International University**
- **Loma Linda University**
- **Loyola Marymount University**
- **Mount St. Mary's University**
- **Pepperdine University**
- **University of Hawaii at Manoa**
- **University of Phoenix**
- **University of Southern California**
- **University of La Verne**
- **Whittier College**
- *And many more!*

Prepare Students for Cutting-Edge Careers in the 21st Century

Rio Hondo College will offer its students instruction in current career-technical education, which will lead to an increased number of students earning certificates.

Rio Hondo College Accomplishments in 2009

- More than 500 faculty members and counselors help students reach their educational goals. At Rio Hondo College, students can choose from more than 40 associate degree programs and 50 certificate programs of study.
- New associate degree and certificate programs are offered to students in the growing field of Environmental Sciences, which is designed to help train students for current and future "green" jobs and career paths.
- Rio Hondo College's GREEN (**G**iving **R**io Hondo **E**nvironmental **E**ducation to our **N**eighbors) Program was launched in 2009 to help build relationships among the College and local, small businesses. The GREEN Program offers these business owners Educational Workshops, Seminars, "Train the Trainer" Training, Certifications and Evaluations – all organized by Rio Hondo College professors, students and graduates.

STUDENT PROFILE:

Adrianna ORTIZ
Rio Hondo College, Student

Adrianna Ortiz was 16 when she first started taking classes at Rio Hondo College. Now at age 30, Ortiz says it is Rio Hondo College's flexible schedules that allowed her to continue her academic pursuit. "Life always had a way of throwing curve balls my way," says Ortiz, "so the flexible schedule allowed me to stay in school periodically while I raised my two children and worked."

In her time at Rio Hondo College, Ortiz has been involved with the Honors Transfer Program, Environmental Symposium, Foundations Golf Tournament, Presidential Gala and Environmental Technology Internship, where she is currently serving as an intern.

Ortiz maintains that she has not only benefitted from the stellar education she has received at Rio Hondo College, but from the experience and contacts she has gained as well. "I am fortunate to have had job offers just by attending some of the Environmental Functions as a Rio Hondo College student. In this economy that's quite a feat," says Ortiz.

As a Liberal Arts/General Education Transfer major, Ortiz has earned enough credits to graduate. Ortiz, however, remains a full-time student. "Due to the recent budget cuts and changes at the State level, I decided to change my major to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona for a degree in Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering," she said. This change could mean another two years at Rio Hondo College to complete lower division math, physics and chemistry classes, which were previously unneeded, but Ortiz is not discouraged. She has already enrolled in two math classes, as well as drafting and architecture classes next semester. "My primary goal is to complete my degree in Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost, and Rio Hondo College is helping me make that happen."

Degrees & Certificate Programs

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- Accounting
- Administration of Justice
- Architecture
- Architectural Design and Drawing
- Art
  - Commercial Art
- Automotive Collision Repair and Painting
- Automotive Technology
- Business Administration
- Business
  - Management/Supervision
  - Small Business/ Entrepreneurialism
- Chicano Studies
- Child Development
- Civil Design Technology
- Computer Information Technology
  - Computer Systems (Option)
  - Microcomputer Specialist (Option)
- Corrections
- Drug Studies
- Electronics Technology
- Engineering Design and Drafting
- Environmental Technology
- Fire Technology
- General Studies
  - Emphasis in Arts and Human Expression
  - Emphasis in Science and Mathematics
  - Emphasis in Social Behavior and Self Development
  - Emphasis in Social Science
- Mass Communications
  - Mass Media Specialization
  - Multi-Media Computer Animation Specialization
  - Print Media Specialization
  - Television Specialization
- Music
- Nursing
  - Associate Degree Nursing
  - Vocational Nursing
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Theatre Arts
- Welding Technology
- Wildland Fire Technology

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

- Accounting
- Architectural Design and Drawing
- Architectural Design and Drawing -Technician
- Automotive Collision Repair and Painting
- Automotive Collision Repair and Painting
- Automotive Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Business
- International Business
- Retail Management
- Business Management and Supervision
- Small Business/ Entrepreneurialism
- Child Development
- Child Development
- Preschool Teacher
- Civil Design Technology
- Civil Design Technology
- Civil Design and Drawing
- Surveying, Mapping and Drawing
- Computer Information Technology
- Computer Systems
- Microcomputer Specialist
- Drug Studies
- Electronics Technology
- Engineering Design and Drafting
- Engineering Design and Drafting - Technician
- Environmental Technology
- Fire Technology
- Fitness Specialist
- Mass Communications
- Mass Media Specialization
- Multimedia Computer Animation Specialization
- Print Media Specialization
- Television Specialization
- Welding Technology
- Wildland Fire Technology

CAREER CERTIFICATES

- Automotive Technology
- Brake Service
- Bosch Automotive Electrical, Fuel and Safety Systems
- Engine Repair
- Transmission Service
- Forensic Identification
- Nursing
- Certified Nurse Assistant Acute Care
- Home Health Aide
- Nurse Assistant Pre-Certification Training Course
- Police Academy
- Basic Police Training

CERTIFICATE OF SKILL PROFICIENCY

- Alternative Energy Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Geographic Information Systems
- Focus Area Crime Mapping
- Focus Area Environmental Technology
- Human Services
- Logistics

COLLEGE GOAL

Ensuring All Students Are Provided the Tools They Need to Succeed

At Rio Hondo College, students are provided with excellent academic guidance and innovative instruction in basic skills.

Rio Hondo College Accomplishments in 2009

- More than 6,000 assessment tests were completed in 2009. Assessment testing helps to ensure students are placed in the classes that best meet their learning needs.
- Relocating the College's Assessment Office to the new Learning Resource Center, providing students a more centralized location on campus for assessment testing and advising.
- More than 400 basic skills classes were offered at Rio Hondo College, in English, ESL, Reading and Mathematics, during the Intersession, Spring and Fall 2009 Semesters to ensure students were enrolled in classes they needed to stay on track to their academic goals.

STUDENT PROFILE:

Luan H. VO

Rio Hondo College, Transfer Student

For many students education is something that can easily be taken for granted. But for recent Rio Hondo College Class of 2009 graduate, Luan H. Vo, an education is something he will never underestimate. Raised in Vietnam by a single father, Vo attended high school in a small town called Cu Chi, located north of Saigon. After graduating from high school in 2005, Vo's father—who had saved money his whole life in the hopes of offering his son the education he never had – sent him more than 10,000 miles away to America in order to, as Vo puts it, "attend some of the best educational systems in the whole world."

Vo, now 22, has been in America for four years and this past May, graduated from Rio Hondo College with an associate degree in Business Administration. To this day, it is still the determination of his father that drives him. "My father used to always tell me, 'Education is the only way out, son,'" he said. "I wanted to please him and I'd tell myself, 'You can make it and you will do it.'"

With an unending supply of hard work, and the help of Rio Hondo College, Vo has indeed made it. In his time at Rio Hondo College, he made the Dean's List in Fall 2008 and Spring 2009, competed on the Forensic Speech and Debate team and graduated with high honors. But it is not honors that motivate him; it is the memory of his home that drives him forward. "I needed something that would prepare me for a lifetime of change and opportunity, to grow in self-reflection, to gain awareness of my talents and build confidence in my abilities to understand the world. That something, which I found, was a Rio Hondo College education," said Vo.

Vo, who currently works at the Learning Assistance Center in the new Learning Resource Center, credits much of his educational success to Rio Hondo College's commitment to accommodating students of different backgrounds. "I really admire Rio Hondo's commitment to providing international students with a warm welcome and a culturally-sensitive student body and campus," he said.

As for his future, Vo has been accepted to, and received a two-year scholarship from, Whittier College, where he hopes to earn his bachelor's degree in Business Administration. With his education, Vo wants to work toward spreading education throughout his home country, and promote conversation between his old, and new home. "I want to open more trade routes between the U.S. and Vietnam, and I want to re-introduce democracy to my homeland," said Vo. "I am going to use the skills I acquire from Rio Hondo College and Whittier College to help others achieve their business dreams. I want to contribute to my motherland and my second home."

BY THE NUMBERS

94,000

Number of square feet in the new Learning Resource Center.

BY THE NUMBERS

80,000+

Number of volumes of books the Learning Resource Center's Library accommodates.

BY THE NUMBERS

400+

Number of computers in the new Learning Resource Center.

COLLEGE GOAL

Creating Community Partnerships

Rio Hondo College strives to create a sense of "community" felt on its campus and in the communities it serves.

Rio Hondo College Accomplishments in 2009

Satellite Campus Updates

The 2009 groundbreaking for the South Whittier Educational Center created excitement among students and community members about the 3,200 square-foot satellite center structure, which is scheduled to be completed in May 2010. The building will bring Rio Hondo College classrooms to South Whittier and will offer a variety of learning opportunities for the community.

Rio Hondo College recently closed escrow on a property in El Monte, which will serve as the location for a new education center for the College and El Monte residents. Designs are being developed to best use the site. A groundbreaking on this project is anticipated in 2010.

Our Communities Give Us Our Greatest Resources – Our Students

Always working to be as accessible to students as possible, Rio Hondo College made the national G.I. Jobs List of 2010 Military-Friendly Schools, for its priority of recruiting and serving students who have served in our Nation's Armed Forces.

Career Development Center Offers Students Unique Opportunities

According to a recent National Association of Colleges and Employers survey, the current recession has significantly impacted new graduates in the workforce, with less than 20 percent of 2009's graduates being able to find jobs.

While it is truly a challenge to find work in today's economy, Rio Hondo College's Career Development Center is serving as a resource for students to help increase awareness on what they need to be doing to increase their chances in finding a job. This is done in a number of ways:

In 2009, the Career Development Center offered its services to more than 13,000 students. This included providing information to students on available jobs and internships as well as helping them prepare their resumes or complete applications when needed. Other activities included Industry Field Trips, which provided students with a hands-on view of various industry career paths

Did You Know?

Only the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country make the national G.I. Jobs List of Military-Friendly Schools. Rio Hondo College is on that list!

Rio Hondo College has both a Veterans Service Center and Student Veterans Club on campus to help provide students with the tools and support they need to succeed.

The Veterans Service Center's services include counseling, assistance with GI benefits and scholarships and other support activities.

More than 200 veterans from six different branches of the military attend Rio Hondo College.

Let's Talk College Helps High-School Students Connect

The new publication *Let's Talk College* helps provide information to high-school students on the many opportunities Rio Hondo College can offer them as they prepare for their futures. The piece was mailed to more than 6,000 graduating high schoolers from El Monte Union High School District, Whittier Union High School District and El Rancho Unified School District in May. A new edition will be distributed in early Spring 2010.

The piece includes information on associate degrees, career programs and transfer paths RHC offers students, highlights student support programs, comparative tuition costs, campus life information and intercollegiate athletic programs. It also features profiles of current Rio Hondo College students who attended high schools in the College's service area.

BY THE NUMBERS

2 TONS

Total number of tons of vehicle emissions removed from the air by the GO RIO Program.

BY THE NUMBERS

MORE THAN 2,000

full-time students took advantage of the GO RIO Transit Program in 2009.

COLLEGE GOAL

Emphasize the Power Behind Diversity

At Rio Hondo College, we value and promote the importance of diversity among our students, faculty and staff.

Rio Hondo College Accomplishments in 2009

▶ Each year Community College Week, in association with the U.S. Department of Education, releases its list of the Top 100 "Associate Degree Producers in America." The list, which contains multiple categories, highlights colleges that award the most associate degrees. The College placed 17th on the list of Hispanic graduates and 69th on the list of Asian-American graduates. The College placed 41st "Total Minority List" of top associate degree producers nationally.

▶ Nearly 350 students from local high schools participated in the Self-Empowerment Resources to Education, Nurture and Advocate (SERENA) Conference in 2009. Rio Hondo College partnered with SPIRITT Family Services to host the eighth annual SERENA Conference on its campus. The Confer-

ence brought together a variety of speakers to educate, inspire, motivate and focus attendees to further advance women's rights and empowerment.

▶ During the summer, Rio Hondo College joined forces with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans and hosted a Community Conversation consisting of a half-day open dialogue between the White House Initiative team and local college and community members. The event, held at the Campus Inn, was designed for the White House Initiative team to gain critical feedback from community members on what can be done to improve educational opportunities for local students.

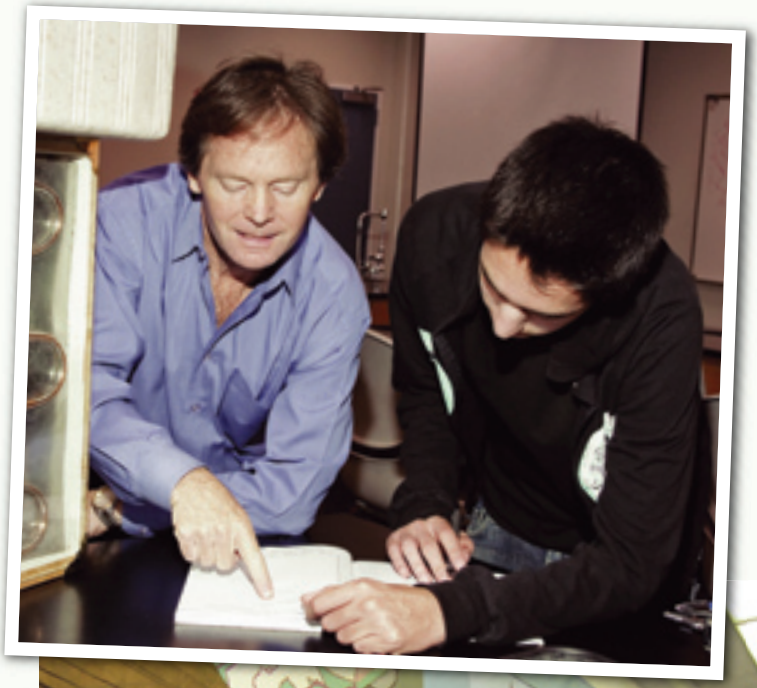
A Diverse Learning Environment

At Rio Hondo College, students are encouraged to participate in a variety of rewarding and fun activities. The College's Division of Arts & Cultural Programs offers students the opportunity to explore the arts, music, lecture series, theatre and dance as well as family events.

▶ More than 10 theatrical productions were held in the Black Box or Wray Theatre in 2009.

▶ Nearly a dozen music concerts were performed in 2009 by Rio Hondo College faculty, the Vocal Arts Ensembles, the Workman Mill Industrial Orchestra and other performing groups.

▶ More than 40 artistic events took place at Rio Hondo College in 2009 in the areas of art, music, lecture, theatre, dance and family events.



Student Clubs Offered

Alpha Gamma Sigma (Honors)
Artists Creating Theatre
BBQ Club
Campus Light
Catholic Newman Club
Gay Straight Alliance
Honors Transfer Society
Musicians for Cultural Unity
Parents in College
Psychology
Student Advocacy Club
Tri Omega (Administration of Justice)
Veterans Club
Vocal Arts Alliance

STUDENT PROFILE:

Julio FLORES

Rio Hondo College, Board of Trustees Student Representative

When Julio Flores graduated from Warren High School in Downey, he really was not sure if he wanted to go to college. He did not think higher education was affordable. Instead, Flores planned to join the workforce early, but a chance encounter with a freeway and a sign changed all of that.

"I had never heard of Rio Hondo College before," says Flores, "but I was driving down the 605 freeway one day and saw a sign reading 'Rio Hondo College, Next Exit.'" In a spur of the moment decision, for reasons Flores himself cannot explain, "I got off the freeway, drove up the hill and registered for classes." That seemingly snap decision has changed Flores' life forever.

Now two years into his college career, Flores has been actively involved at Rio Hondo College. He is involved with the Associated Student Body Senate, Gay Straight Alliance, Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society and currently serves as the elected Student Representative on the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees.

"Rio Hondo has given me opportunities I never thought I'd have," he said. "Through its great financial aid programs, Rio Hondo College has provided me a quality education at a good price. It has opened doors to me I never knew existed. I've developed as a leader and have really come out of my shell since coming here."

Flores is currently studying Political Science and hopes to soon transfer to UC Berkley where he wants to eventually earn his Ph.D. in Public Policy. "Rio Hondo College has taught me the leadership skills I now have and how to use them in my passion for advocacy."

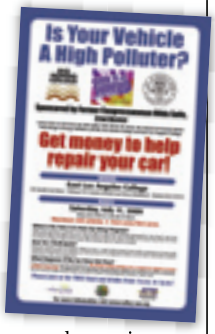
Meeting Our Region's Needs

At Rio Hondo College, we strive to respond to the needs of our community and work to build partnerships with public, private and non-profit organizations to ensure that our students have the opportunity to give back to their communities while simultaneously accomplishing their career goals.

Rio Hondo College Accomplishments in 2009

- **112** – the number of Nursing Associate Degrees earned.
- **237** – number of cadets that graduated from the Police Academy.
- A total of 18 Rio Hondo College Wildland Fire Academy firefighters worked 16-hour days in triple-digit heat to fight both the Morris Fire and Station Fire, which was named the largest fire in L.A. County history during 2009's dangerous fire season.

- A total of 350 cars were part of 2009's Tune-In and Tune-Up event, which was designed to help local families reduce pollutants and improve air quality by offering free smog checks on their cars.



The event was made possible by the Office of former Congresswoman Hilda Solis, Rio Hondo College, Clean Air Now, the Advanced Transportation Technology & Energy Initiative and East Los Angeles College. If cars were not able to pass the free smog test, then owners were given a coupon for emission-related repairs at a local, certified smog shop.

BY THE NUMBERS

MORE THAN 41,000

individual students served in spring, summer and fall terms in 2009.

- The Rio Hondo College Department of Public Safety unveiled its new Mobile Incident Command System (ICS) Simulator Vehicle, which is designed to benefit Rio Hondo College cadets, first responders, staff and the local community. By using state-of-the-art technology, this ICS Simulator Vehicle allows instructors to bring real-life emergency situations to life via computer simulations and graphics. With the new ICS Simulator Vehicle, instructors are able

to challenge their trainees by virtually taking them through a variety of emergency situations. This state-of-the-art ICS Simulator Vehicle will also be used to train federal, State and municipal agencies on how best to respond to natural disasters, transportation accidents, acts of terrorism, security threats and other emergencies.

- A new networking group for Architecture, Drafting and CAD alumni was formed by Professor Jay Sunyogh, to establish an official alumni association for the former students involved in the award-winning program of Architecture, Civil, Engineering, Design, Drafting & BIM/CAD Technology at the College. The new group provides valuable insight from working professionals of what the industry requires to be successful. That information is critical to the College when establishing new curriculum, degrees or certificate programs. For more information on the meetings for this new group, please contact Professor Sunyogh at jsunyogh@riohondo.edu.

▶ Rio Hondo College students turned heads at 2009's Imagine Cup technology competition sponsored by Microsoft as they represented four of the 15 teams that made it to the national finals-level in May. The Imagine Cup is an annual competition, which brings together students from around the world to showcase their innovative technology creations that may help resolve some of the world's toughest challenges. The 15 teams represented more than 125 colleges and universities. Rio Hondo College was the only community college from Southern California to participate in the competition.

BY THE NUMBERS

17th PLACE

Rio Hondo College's national ranking for total number of associate degrees awarded in all disciplines to Hispanic students.

BY THE NUMBERS

100 PERCENT

College acceptance rate had by the Upward Bound Senior Class, with 75 percent of the class attending either University of California or Cal-State Universities.

COLLEGE GOAL

Maintain Fiscal Solvency

Rio Hondo College works to ensure fiscal solvency, to act responsibly, ethically and efficiently when using its fiscal resources, including actively pursuing outside sources of funding to ensure the College is fiscally sound and provides every possible educational opportunity.

Rio Hondo College Accomplishments in 2009

▶ During the fiscal year of 2008-2009, shortfall of revenues from the State contributed to an approximately $5 million deficit for Rio Hondo College. However, even with the deficit funding from the State, the College was able to maintain its enrollment growth and quality programs to serve its students. The College is fiscally sound with a more-than-adequate 8.6 percent reserve at the fiscal year's end.

▶ In an effort to ensure that Measure A Bond Funds have been expensed properly and effectively on the colleges building programs, Rio Hondo College completed an audit performed by accounting firm Vasquez & Company LLP. The external audit conducted on Rio Hondo Community College's Measure A Bond Funds revealed its success as all funds were properly accounted for, no deficiencies in internal control were detected and no instances of non compliance were reported.

It was a successful year for the College's Building Access & Excellence Program as four major projects were completed in 2009.

Learning Resource Center

The new two-story building has a modern library, training and meeting rooms, writing and reading labs and a Media Center. The facility incorporates expanded collection space and student areas, updated technology and improved access for the disabled.

- General Contractor: Bernard Brothers Construction
- Architect: AC Martin Partners, Inc.
- Square Feet: 94,047
- Projected Cost: $40.7 million
- Funding Source: Measure A Bond Funds ($4.7 million) and State Funding ($30 million)
- Groundbreaking: June 2007
- Project Completion: August 2009

Campus-wide Infrastructure

The Campus-wide Infrastructure project included upgraded utilities throughout the campus and installed new electrical service and new feeds. It also provided chilled and hot water lines, installed new communications and fiber optics, as well as installed a new gas service.

- General Contractor: EMMA Construction Company
- Engineer: TMAD
- Projected Cost: $13,000,000
- Funding Source: Measure A Bond Funds
- Groundbreaking: July 2007
- Project Completion: May 2009

Santa Fe Springs Regional Public Safety Training Center

The Regional Public Safety Training Center includes modernized classrooms, restrooms and an exercise room at the existing Fire Academy Building. The plan also includes site improvements to property that is adjacent to the Training Center for Fire Academy training and Homeland Security Training.

- General Contractor: Thomco Construction Company
- Architect: Quatro Design Group and TMAD
- Square Feet: 5,880
- Projected Cost: $1,600,000
- Funding Source: Measure A Bond Funds
- Groundbreaking: Phase 2 – April 2007 • Phase 3 – January 2009
- Project Completion: Phase 2 – August 2007 • Phase 3 – July 2009

Central Plant

This new facility provides new cooling towers, new chillers and new boilers to upgrade the Campus' HVAC system and also allows for future expansion.

- General Contractor: EMMA Construction Company
- Architect: TMAD and Atelier Development Group
- Square Feet: 4,900
- Projected Cost: $11,000,000
- Funding Source: Measure A Bond Funds
- Groundbreaking: July 2007
- Project Completion: July 2009

Citizens Oversight Committee

Now in its fifth year of existence, the Rio Hondo College Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) is made up entirely of local residents who serve for two- or three-year-terms, and work to ensure Measure A bond monies are used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of college facilities. They also make certain no bond monies are used for employee salaries or unrelated college expenses. The members of this committee are appointed by the Rio Hondo Board of Trustees.

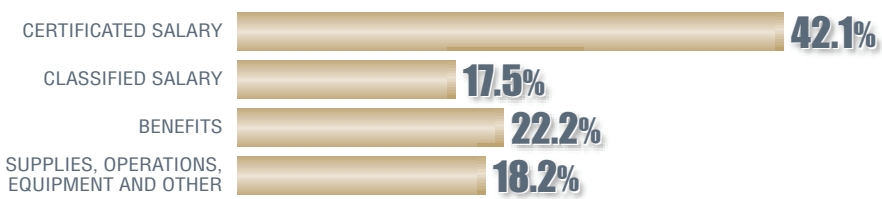
(Back Row, left to right) Steven Valdes, Joseph Vu, Tom Guzman, Robert Lawe and Ted Martinez Jr., Ph.D, (front row, left to right) Bob Archuleta, Chair Michelle Yanez-Jimenez and Juanita Gonzalez. (Not pictured: Gustavo Camacho, Frances Carbajal, Frank Quintero and John Lopez).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The economic position of Rio Hondo Community College is closely tied to the State of California, as 80 percent of the total sources of revenues received by the District for the 2008-2009 fiscal year comes directly from State apportionment and grants. The College continues to receive approximately $800,000 funding to enhance basic skill programs, instructional equipment and materials and schedule maintenance to improve services to students for teaching and learning. Total revenue recognized during the year was approximately $85 million from general fund, including approximately $2.3 million from Federal sources, $70 million from State and $13.2 million from local sources.

REVENUE

EXPENSES



Student and District Highlights

Among Rio Hondo College's Class of 2009 are some incredible students. Here are a few examples.

Edgar Cortes

Edgar Cortes has been described by those who know him best as an "exemplary person who has no problem overcoming any obstacle that gets in the way of his goals." Graduating with a 3.3 grade-point-average, Edgar worked hard to apply himself in pursuing his interest in Information Systems. In fact, despite math being his least favorite subject, Edgar made it his goal to succeed and earned "A" grades in all his math classes. A humble person, he waited until the last minute to share his graduation news with his family and friends. He was overjoyed to see that they were all present to support him. Congratulations, Edgar!

Stephanie Heckel

Stephanie Heckel is one determined young woman. In addition to overcoming a learning disability, she participated in more than eight theatrical performances since she was enrolled at Rio Hondo, her most recent performance being one of the lead roles in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." She also joined several clubs and activities and even served as 2009's Associated Student Body Vice President. Stephanie is currently at UCLA's School of Theatre, Film and Television, and we wish her the best. Congratulations, Stephanie!

Marcos Martinez

Marcos Martinez, who participated in the Extended Opportunity, Program and Services (EOP&S) program, says he is incredibly thankful for the support he received at Rio Hondo College. After his parents separated when Marcos was young, he found himself distracted during high school and not focused on his future. However, with the support of his family and friends and the EOP&S team, Marcos found himself on the right track and graduated from Rio Hondo after four semesters! Congratulations, Marcos!

Carolina Ortiz

Carolina Ortiz came to this country less than five years ago in search of educational opportunities … she found them at Rio Hondo College. While she was in school, she earned a 4.0 grade-point-average, was a student in the Honors Program, overcame language barriers and has dedicated much of her time to helping others. While at Rio Hondo College, she tutored ESL students and even organized a lunch to honor military reservists before they deployed to Iraq. Carolina wants to continue her education and hopes to work toward earning a master's degree in design and technical theatre. Congratulations, Carolina, we wish you the best!

Roadrunner Highlights

Men's Wrestling

The Roadrunner Wrestling team won their fourth consecutive Conference title and placed 13th at the State Championships, which were held in Chabot, California. At the State Championships, the Roadrunners took three State-level place winners: Anthony Gonzalez, Jeff Cruz and Nick Inclan.

Men's Soccer

Men's Soccer won their eighth consecutive Foothill Conference Title and took a No.1 ranking in Southern California this season under Most Valuable Player Willie Lopez. Most notably, four outstanding sophomores were also offered transfer scholarship opportunities.

Women's Cross Country

Two female Cross Country student athletes had strong showings at State Finals this year. In addition to making the State Finals, Roxy Raigosa also finished 139th out of 199. Ashley Huizar finished in the top 25 percent at 46th out of 199.

Women's Soccer

Women's Soccer saw a tremendous turnaround this season under second-year Head Coach Jennifer Tanaka. The team was led by Conference Most Valuable Player, Alex Marin, an alumna of nearby California High School.

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